GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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AERO SPORTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian youth are now showing an avid interest in aero sports ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Union Government is encouraging aero sports in the country; and

(d) if so, the details of the efforts made in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Aero Sports is becoming increasingly popular among those who can afford it.

(c) & (d) : The promotion of Aero Sports is primarily the responsibility of the Aero Club of India (ACI). The Central Government gives Grant-in-Aid to hold national championships for the sub-junior, junior and senior categories as admissible under the Scheme of `Assistance to National Sports Federations`. During the last three years, the Ministry did not render any central assistance to ACI, as the Federation did not seek any assistance for organizing National Championships in India. However, it has been reported by ACI that the Ministry of the Civil Aviation has spent approximately Rs.2.00 crores during the period 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 on Aero Sports Development projects.